Backward Regions Grant Fund

2480. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Rs. 5,000 crore Backward Regions Grant Fund has been entrusted to the Ministry for removal of regional disparities and inqualities in 250 backward districts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of districts in Himachal Pradesh this Scheme covers and how much amount out of the fund is estimated to be spent in that State; and

(d) by when the selected districts would start getting benefits of the Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir. The Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is designed to redress regional imbalances in development. The BRGF Programmes, approved in the current financial year, has two components, namely. Districts Component covering 250 districts and Special plans, for Bihar and the KBK districts of Orissa. A total provision of Rs. 5000 crcre has been made for the two components in the Budget of 2006-07. Out of this allocation an amount of Rs. 3750 crore has been placed at the disposal of the Ministry of Panchayti Raj for the Districts component covering 250 districts. The remaining amount of Rs. 1250 crore has been provided in the Demand for Grants of the Ministry of Finance for the Special Plans which are dealt with by the Planning Commission.

(b) A state-wise list of districts covered under the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) is enclosed as Statement *(See* below).

(c) and (d) Two districts of Himachal Pradesh, namely, Chamba and Sirmour, are included in the districts covered by the Backward Regions Grant Fund. These districts are also covered under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) which has now been subsumed into the BRGF. Chamba and Sirmour have so far received four instalments amounting to Rs. 30 crore under RSVY. These districts will receive the next two

instalments as per RSVY norms until the entire amount of Rs. 45 crore gets released after which these districts will shift to the BRGF mode of funding. Both the districts can claim Rs. 1 crore each for capacity building under the BRGF programme during the current financial year.

Statement

List of Districts covered under Backward Region Grant Fund

		Andhra Pradesh		
1	Adilabad	2 Anantpur	3 Chittoor	4 Cuddappah
5	Karimnagar	6 Khammarn	7 Mahbubnagar	8 Medak
9	Nalgonda	10 Nizamabad	11 Rangareddy	12 Vizianagaram
13	Warangal			
		Arunachal Pradesh		
		1 Upper Subansiri	Assam	
1	Barpeta	2 Bongaigaon	3 Cachar	4 Dhemaji
5	Goalpara	6 Hailakahdi	7 Karbi Anglong	8 Kokrajhar
9	Marigaon	10 North Hills (Laksha)	11 North Cachar	Lakhimpur -
		Bihar		
1	Araria	2 Aurangabad	3 Banka	4 Begusarai
5	Bhagalpur	6 Bhojpur	7 Buxar	8 Darbhanga
9	Gaya	10 Gopalganj	11 Jamui	12 Jehanabad
13	Kaimur/Bhabua	14 Katihar	15 Kishanganj	16 Khagaria
17	Lakhisarai	18 Madhepura	19 Mandhubani	20 Munger
21	Muzzarffarpur	22 Nalanda	23 Nawadah	24 Patna

25 Pashchim Champaran 26 Purba Champaran 27 Purnia 28 Rohtas

29 Saharsa 30 Samastipur 31 Saran 32 Sheikhpura

33 Sheohar 34 Sitamarhi 35 Supaul 36 Vaishali

Chhattisgarh

1 Bastar 2 Bilaspur 3 Dantewada 4 Dhamtari

5- Jashpur 6 Kanker 7 Kawardha 8 Korba

9 Koriya 10 Mahasamund 11 Raigarh 12 Rajnandgaon

13 Sarguja

Gujarat

1 "Banaskantha 2 Dangs 3 Dahod . 4 Narmada

5 Panch Mahals 6 Sabarkantha

Haryana

1 Monindergarh 2 Sirsa

Himachal Pradesh

1 Chamba 2 Sirmaur

Jammu & Kashmir

1 Doda 2 Kupwara 3 Poonch

Jharkhand

1 Bokaro 2 Chatra 3 Deoghar 4 Dhanbad

5 Dumka 6 Garhwa 7 Giridih 8 Godda

9 Gumla 10 Hazaribagh 11 Jamtara 12 Kodarma

13 Latehar 14 Lohardagga 15 Pachhim Singhbhum 16 Pakaur

17 Palamu 18 Ranchi 19 Sahibganj 20 Saraikela

21 Simdega

Karnataka

1	Bidar	2	Chitradurga	3	Davangere	4	Gulbarga
5	Raichur						

Kerala

1	Palakkad	2	Wynad				

Madhya Pradesh

1	Balaghat	2	Barwani	3	Betul	4	Chhatarpur
5	Damoh	6	Dhar	7	Dindori	8	Guna
9	Jhabua	10	Katni	11	Khandwa	12	Mandla
13	Panna'	14	Rajgarh	15	Rewa	16	Satna
17	Seoni	18	Shahdol	19	Sheopur	20	Shivpuri
21	Siddhi	22	Tikamgarh	23	Umaria	24	West Nimar

Maharashtra

1	Ahmednagar	' 2	Amravati	3	Aurangabad	4	Bhandara
5	Chandrapur	6	Dhule	7	Gadchiroli	8	Gondia
9	Hingoli	10	Nanded	11	Nandurbar	12	Yavatmal

Manipur

1	Chandel	2	Churchandrapur			3	Tamenlong

Meghaiaya

1	Ri Bhoi	2	South Garo Hills			3	West Garo Hills

Mizoram

1	Lawngtlai	2	Siaha				

Nagaland

1	Mon	2	Tuensang	3	Workha		

Orissa

1 Bolangir	2 Boudh	3 Debagarh	4 Dhenkanal
5 Gaiapati	6 Ganjam	7 Jharsuguda	8 Kalahandi
9 Keonjhar	10 Koraput	11 Malkangiri	12 Mayurbhanj
13 Nabrangpur	14 Nuapada	15 Phulbani	16 Rayagada
17 Sambalpur	18 Sonapur	19 Sundargarh Punjab 1	
Hoshiarpur Rajasthan			

1 Banswara	2 Barmer	3 Chhittaurgarh	4 Dungarpur
5 Jaisalmer	6 Jalor	7 Jhalawar	8 Karoli
9 Sawai Madhopur	10 Sirohi	11 Tonk	12 Udaipur
Sikkim			
1 Sikkim North Tamil Nadu			

1 Cuddalore	2 Dindigul	3 Nagapattinarr	14 Sivagangai
5 Tiruvannamalai	6 Villupuram		

Tripura

1 Dhalai

Uttar Pradesh

1 Ambedkar Nagar	2 Azamgarh	3 Bahraich	4 Balrampur
5 Banda	6 Barabanki	7 Basti	8 Budaun
9 Chandauli	10 Chitrakoot	11 Etah	12 Farrukhabad
13 Fetehpur	14 Gonda	15 Gorakhpur	16 Hamirpur

17 Hardoi	18 Jalaun	19 Jaunpur	20 Kasuhambi
21 Kushinagar	22 Lakhimpur	23 Lalitpur Kheri	24 Maharajganj
25 Mahoba	26 Mirzapur	27 Pratapgarh	28 Raebareli
29 Sant Kabir Nagar	30 Shravasti	32 Sitapur	33 31 Siddharthanagar
Sonebhadra 34Unnao			
	Uttaranchal		
1 Chamoli			hwal
	2 Champawat	3 Tehri Gar West Bengal	
1 Bankura	2 Birbhum	3 Dakshin Dinajpur	4 Jalpaiguri
5 Malda	6 Midnapur	7 Midnapur East	8 Murshidabad
	West		
9 Purulia	10 South 24	11 UttarDinaji Parganas	Dur

Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan

2481. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of PANCHAYAT) RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to launch Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan in Goa;

(b) if so, the objective of the programme;

(c) the targets proposed to be achieved; and

(d) the details of essential features of the campaign including pattern of assistance?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes.Sir.

(b) The objective of the Panchayat Yuva Shakti Abhiyan is to synergise the energy of the youth through the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS)